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Steve ★ Rogers
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AMERICA**



Super-Soldier. Avenger. Agent of Hydra. He is...

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Steve Rogers' reality has been secretly rewritten by Kobik, a sentient Cosmic Cube acting under the influence of the Red Skull. In Steve's new history, a Hydra agent named Elisa Sinclair enrolled Steve in a school where he was trained to believe in Hydra's ideals--and befriended a young Helmut Zemo. Later, Steve would return to the U.S. to become the first Super-Soldier and Hydra's ultimate spy, but he remained close friends with Helmut despite the distance.

In the present, Steve gained a powerful ally by convincing Zemo that the version of history where they were friends really took place, and that the version Zemo remembered was a lie. And thanks to Avril Kincaid, the new Quasar, he's closing in on the location for where Bucky Barnes and his team of Thunderbolts are hiding out with the Cosmic Cube that started it all...

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Dear Helmut,

There is something else
I need to tell you, before
all of this begins.

I have tried to share everything
with you--the truth as I know it,
from our friendship to your bond
with your father--

--but there
is one thing
I have held
back, because
I simply didn't
have the
strength.

It's about
the time I
failed you.

The time
I was too
late...

...and how
it changed
everything.

**NEW JERSEY.
NOW.**

I MISS
YOU, TOO.
SO HOW IS
SHE?

OH, DEAR.
WELL, **OF COURSE**
SHE DRIVES YOU CRAZY.
SHE'S YOUR **MOTHER**.
BUT IT'S GOOD THAT
YOU GET TO VISIT
ANYWAY--

**DING
DONG**

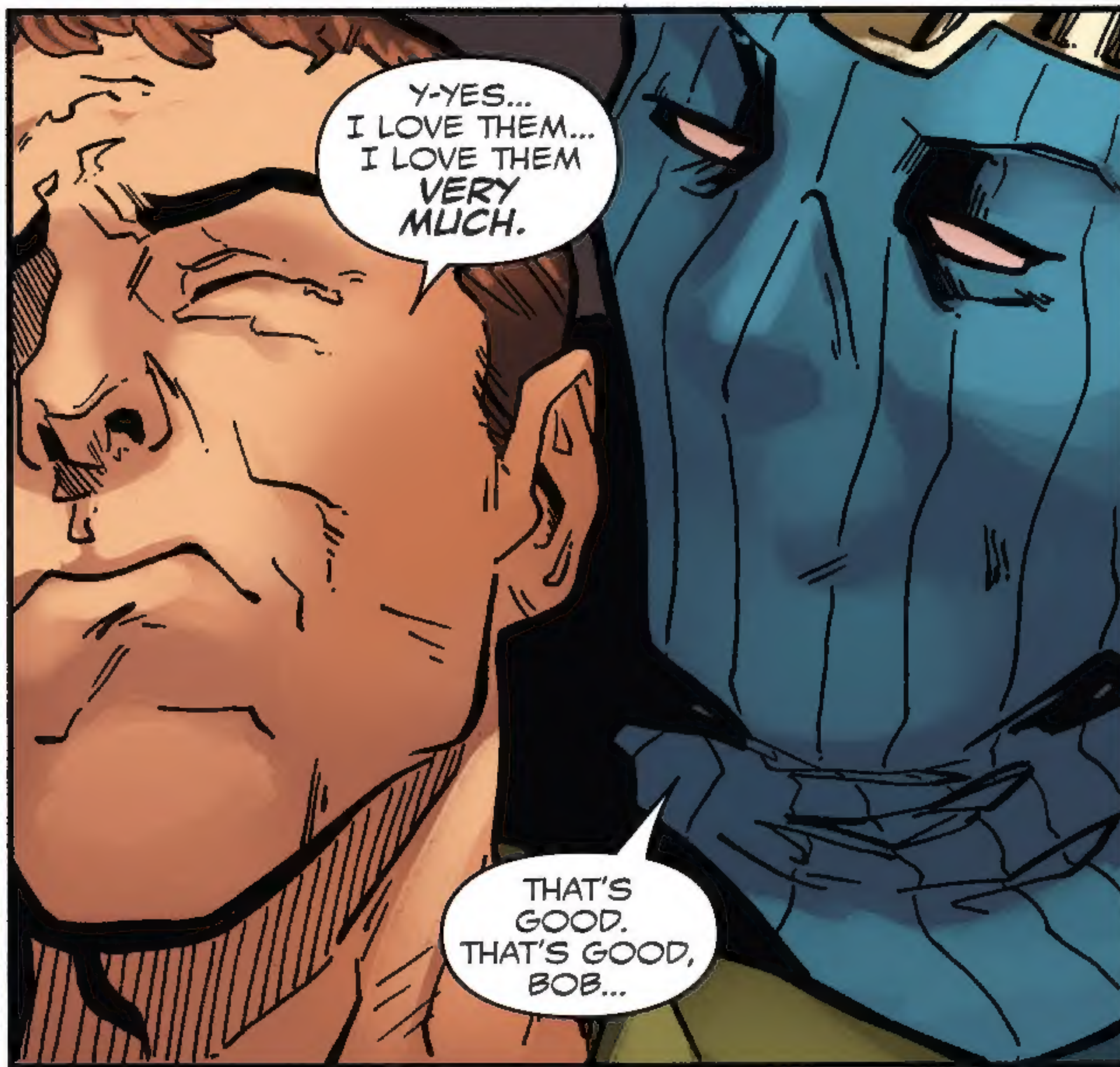
OH,
HONEY--I HAVE
TO GO, THERE'S
SOMEONE AT
THE DOOR.

WHAT? NO,
I DIDN'T ORDER A
PIZZA. **YES**, I SAW THE
KALE SALAD IN THE
REFRIGERATOR. GIVE MY
LOVE TO THE GIRLS.
TELL THEM I--

--MISS
THEM.

GOOD
EVENING,
NEIGHBOR--

--MIGHT I
BORROW
SOME
SUGAR?



"...FAMILY
IS VERY
IMPORTANT."

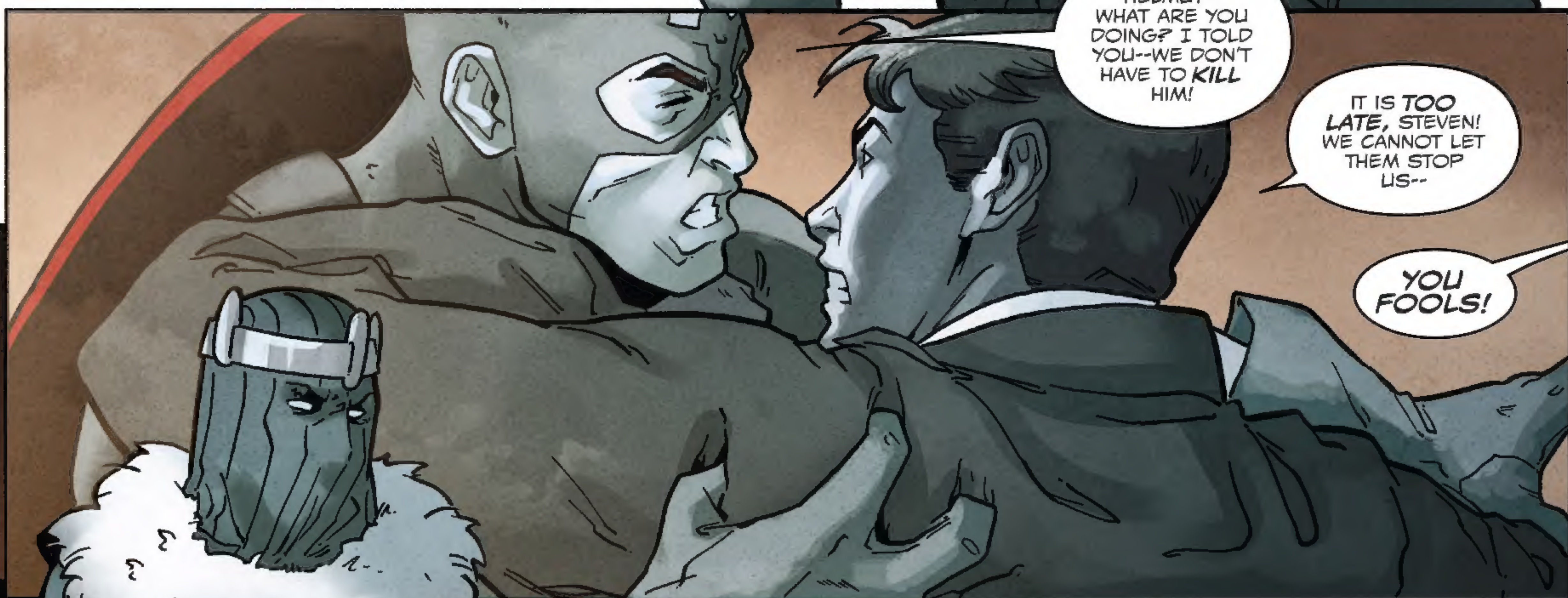
You should know that
both you and your
father fought valiantly
that day.

You stood up
against impossible
odds--

--and stayed true to
what you believed.

I, on the
other hand--

--was, like
always, caught
between two
worlds.





"--WHEN
THE BOMB
DROPS."

**SOKOVIA.
NOW.**



OUR FORCES
ARE MAKING GOOD
PROGRESS, FATHER--
WE EXPECT TO HAVE
THE TOWN TAKEN
BY NIGHTFALL.

MOST
ENCOURAGING,
SIN--BUT THE
TOWN IS NOT
OUR OBJECTIVE
TODAY--



BOOM!



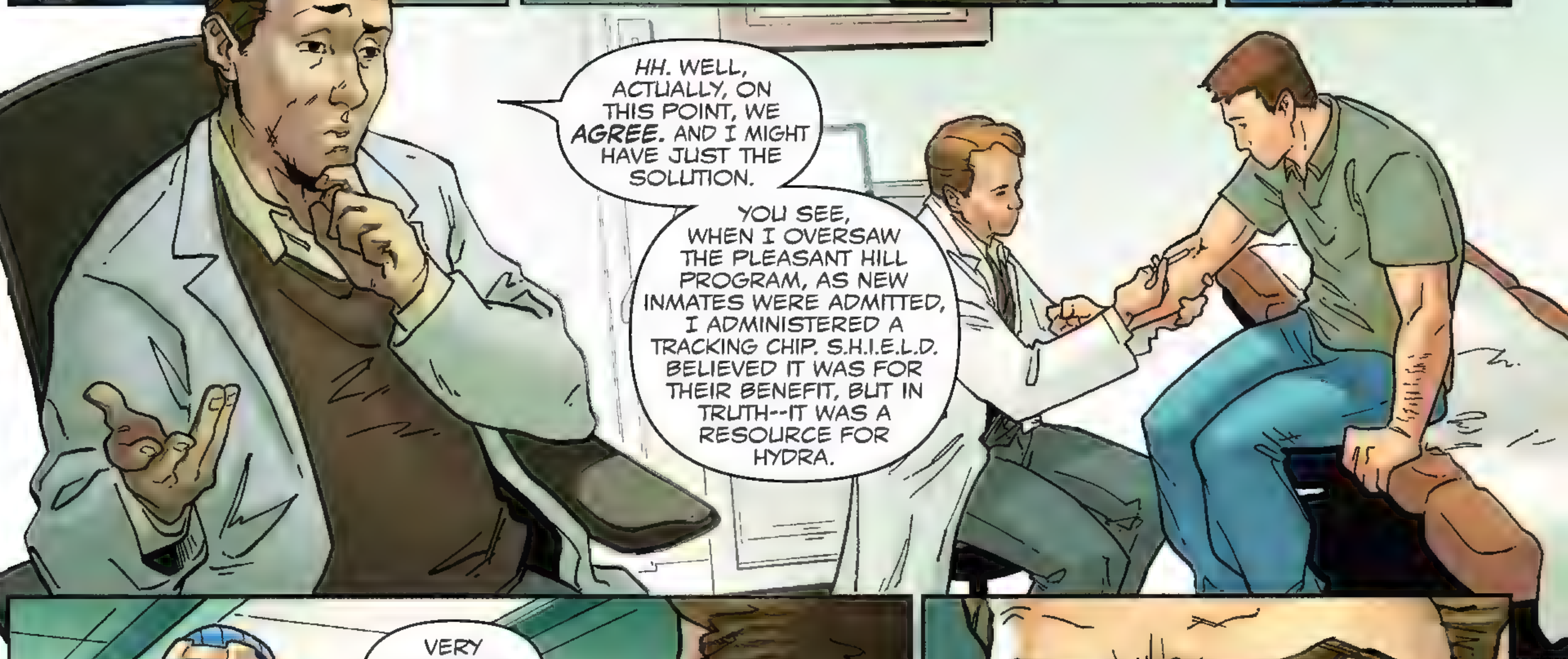
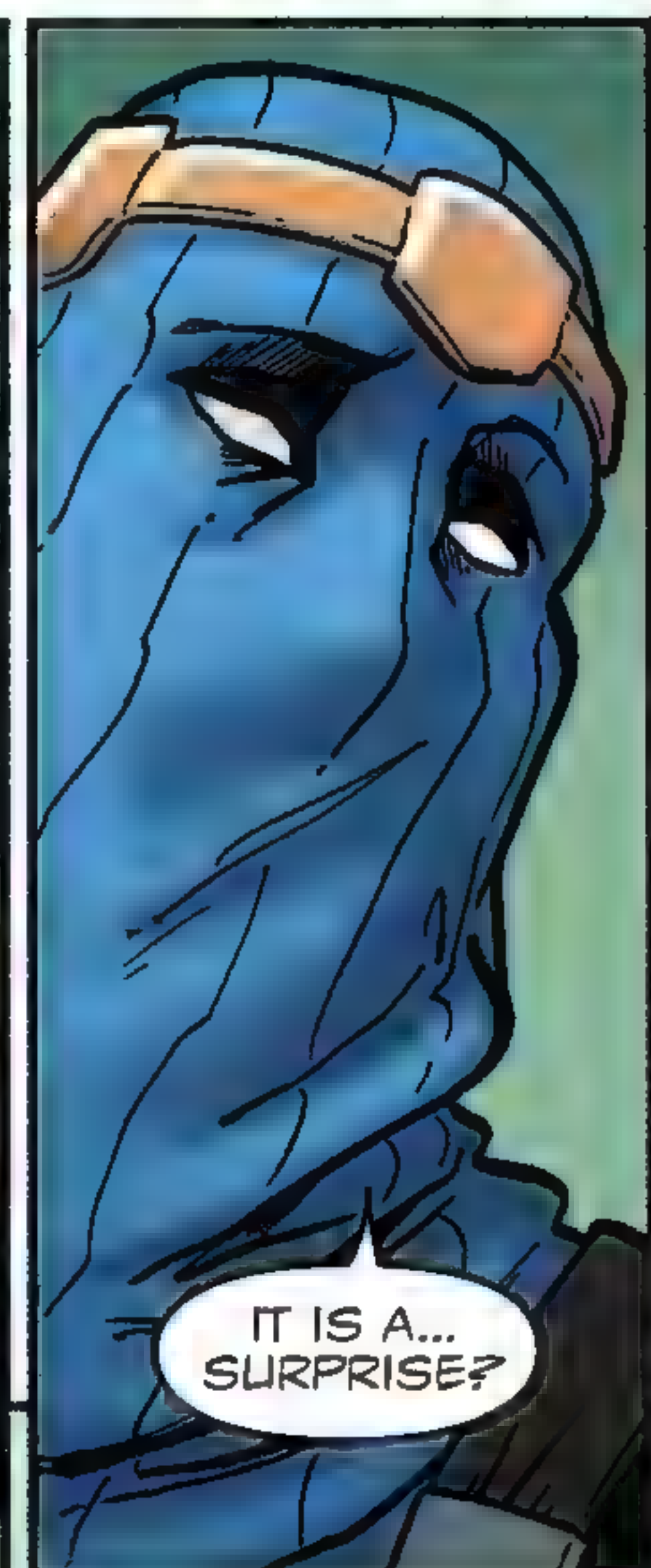
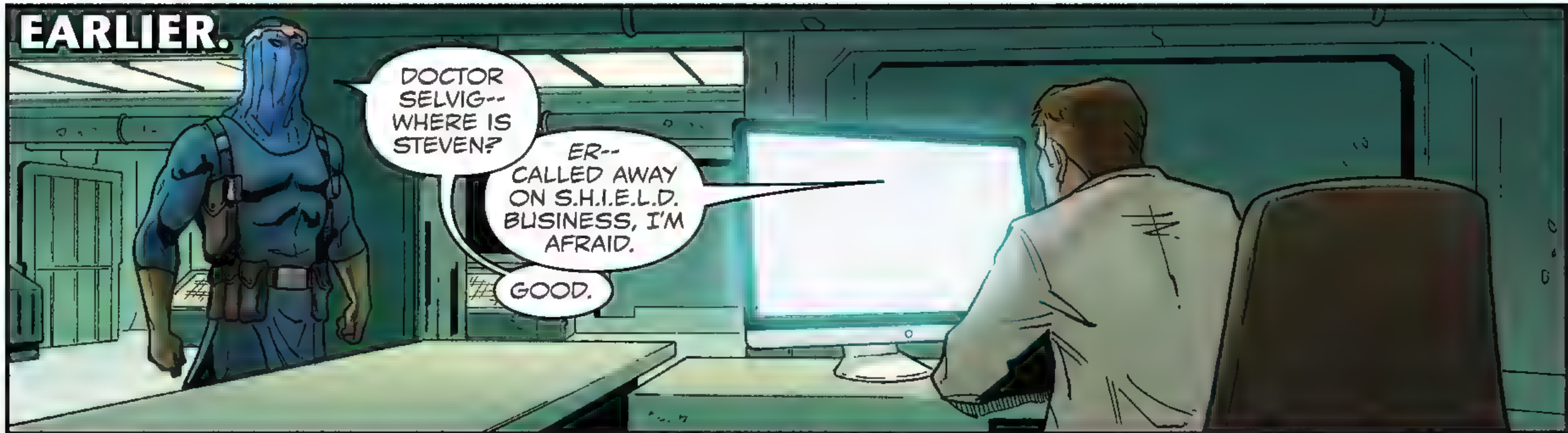
THIS
IS.



ARE
THOSE--?

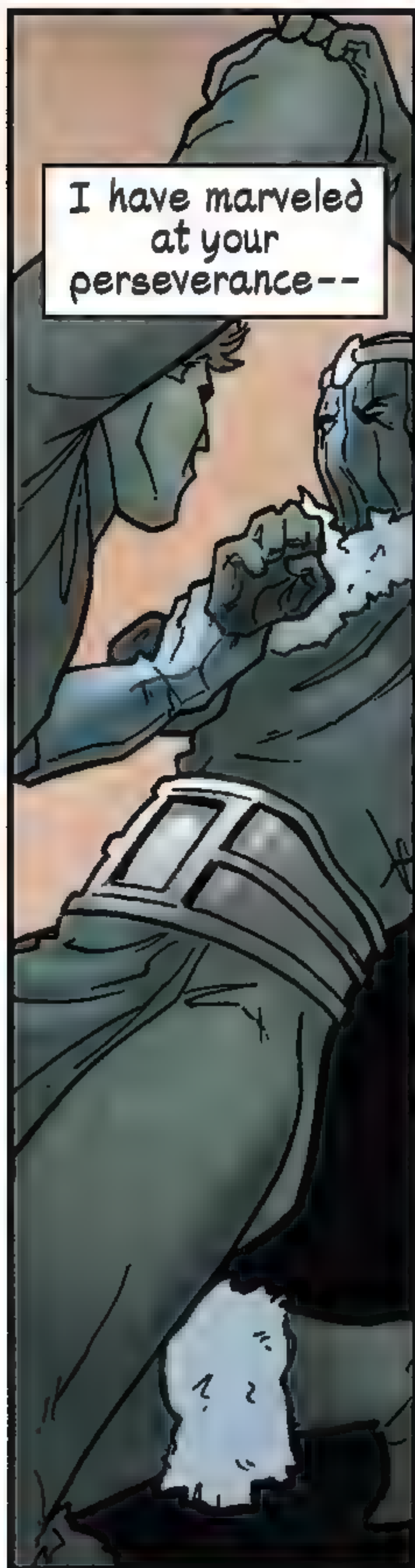
YES,
SIN, THEY
ARE.







I have known
you for a lifetime,
Helmut.



I have marveled
at your
perseverance--



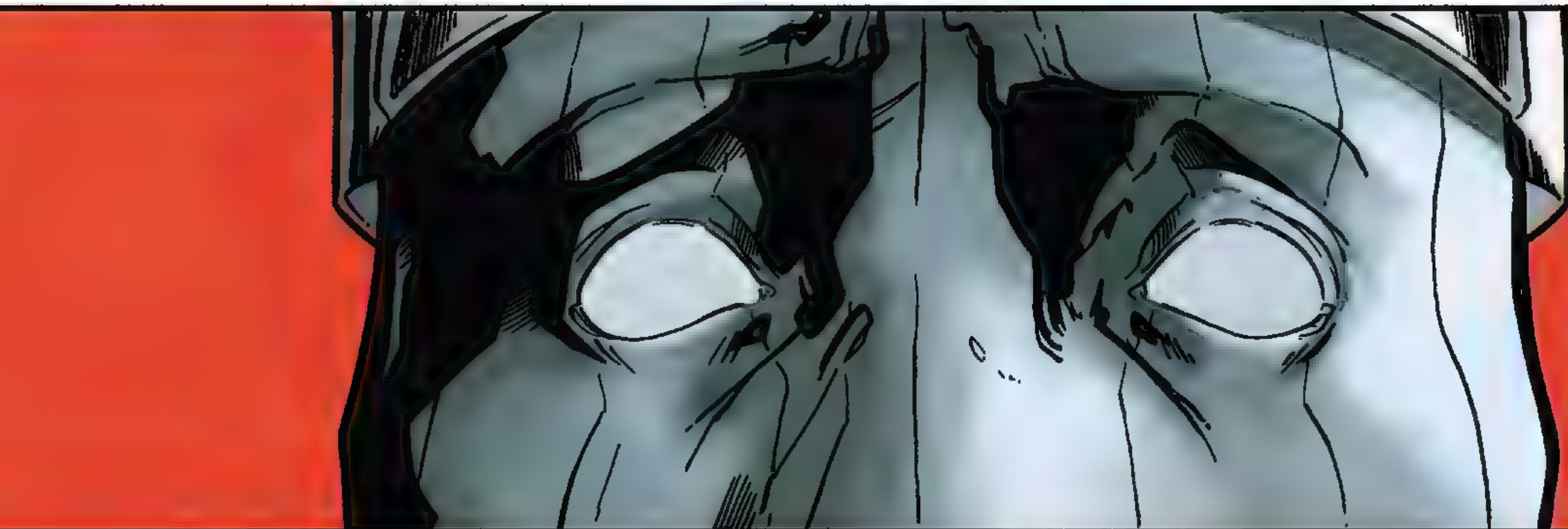
--your
commitment to
our cause.



You gave
up so
much--



--and still the
world demanded
more.



Still it took
so much
from you.

I LOVE
YOU, MY
SON.



NOW.

I MYSELF
DON'T HAVE ANY
FAMILY LEFT, I'M
AFRAID. OR AT LEAST
THAT'S WHAT I HAD
THOUGHT UNTIL
RECENTLY--

--WHEN SOMEONE CLOSE TO
ME REVEALED THEMSELVES
TO BE...SOMETHING ELSE
ENTIRELY. SOMETHING THAT
MIGHT AS WELL BE FAMILY--

--WARTS
AND ALL."

IT'S AN ODD
SITUATION, BUT
ONE I AM GRATEFUL
FOR. THIS LIFE IS
CHALLENGING ENOUGH
WITHOUT HAVING
PEOPLE WE LOVE
IN IT.

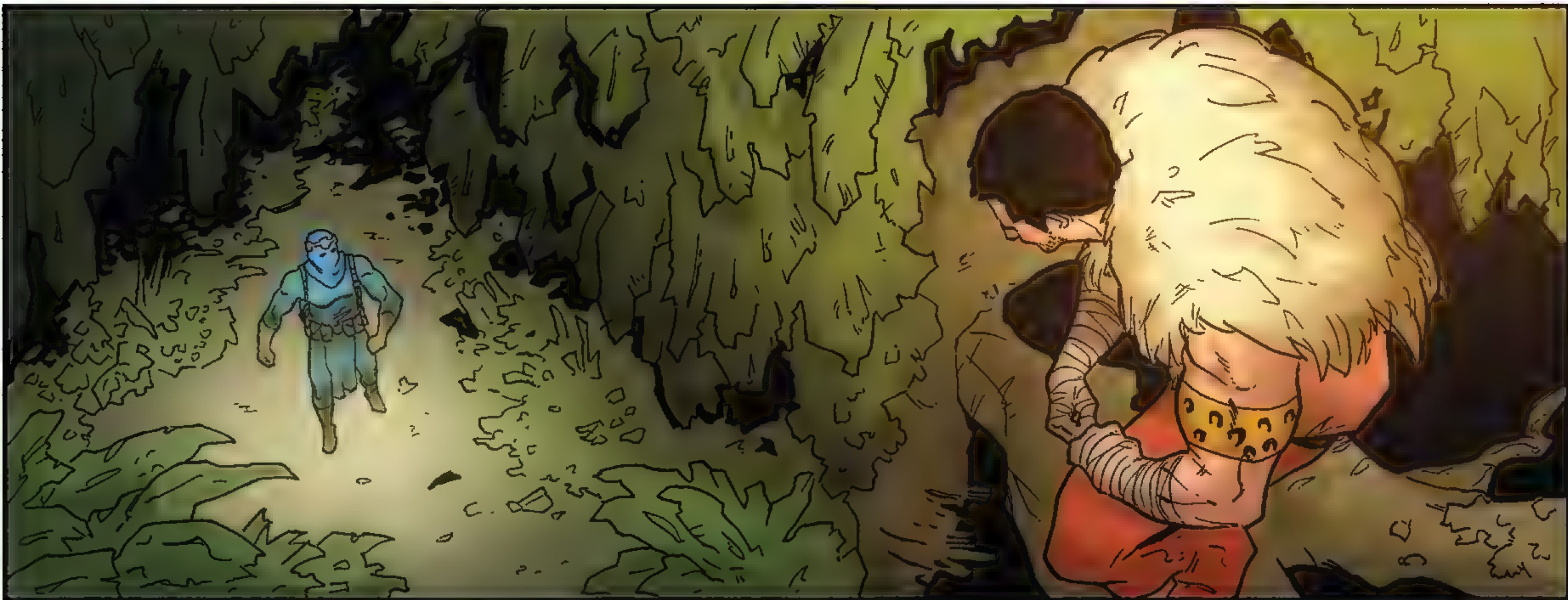
I'M SURE
YOU OF
ALL PEOPLE
UNDERSTAND
THAT.

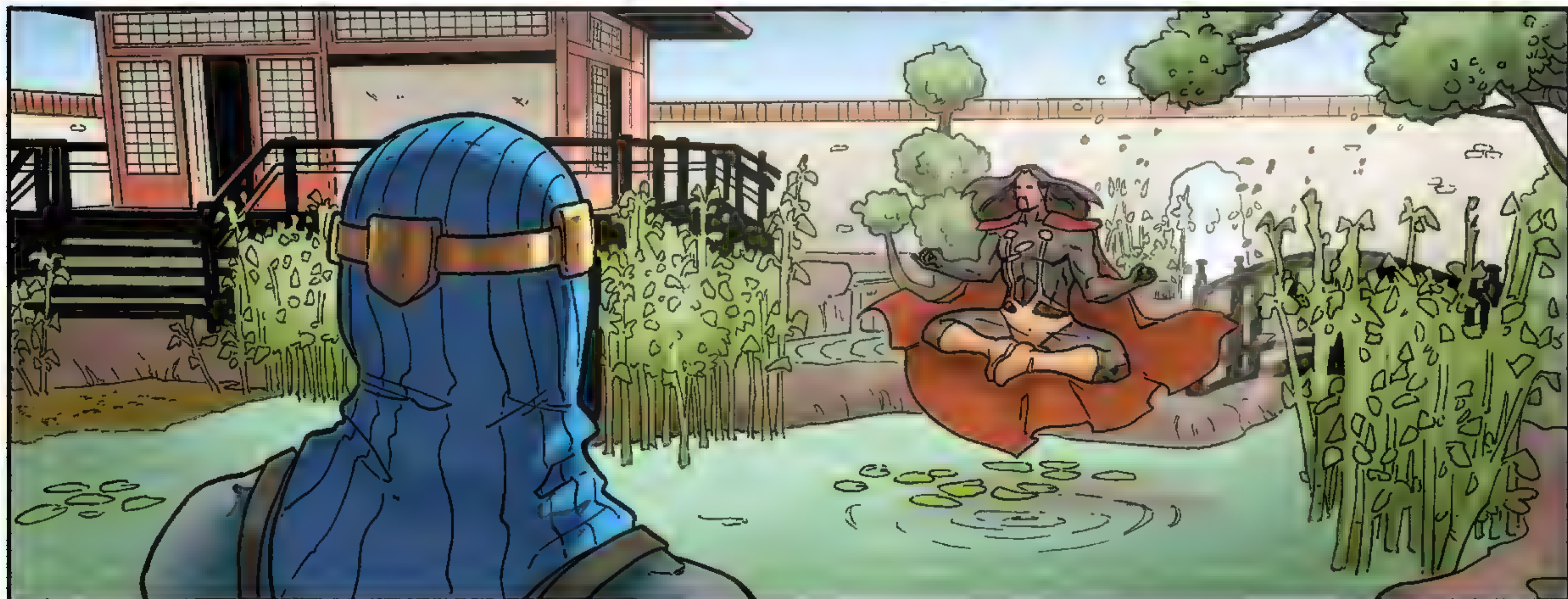
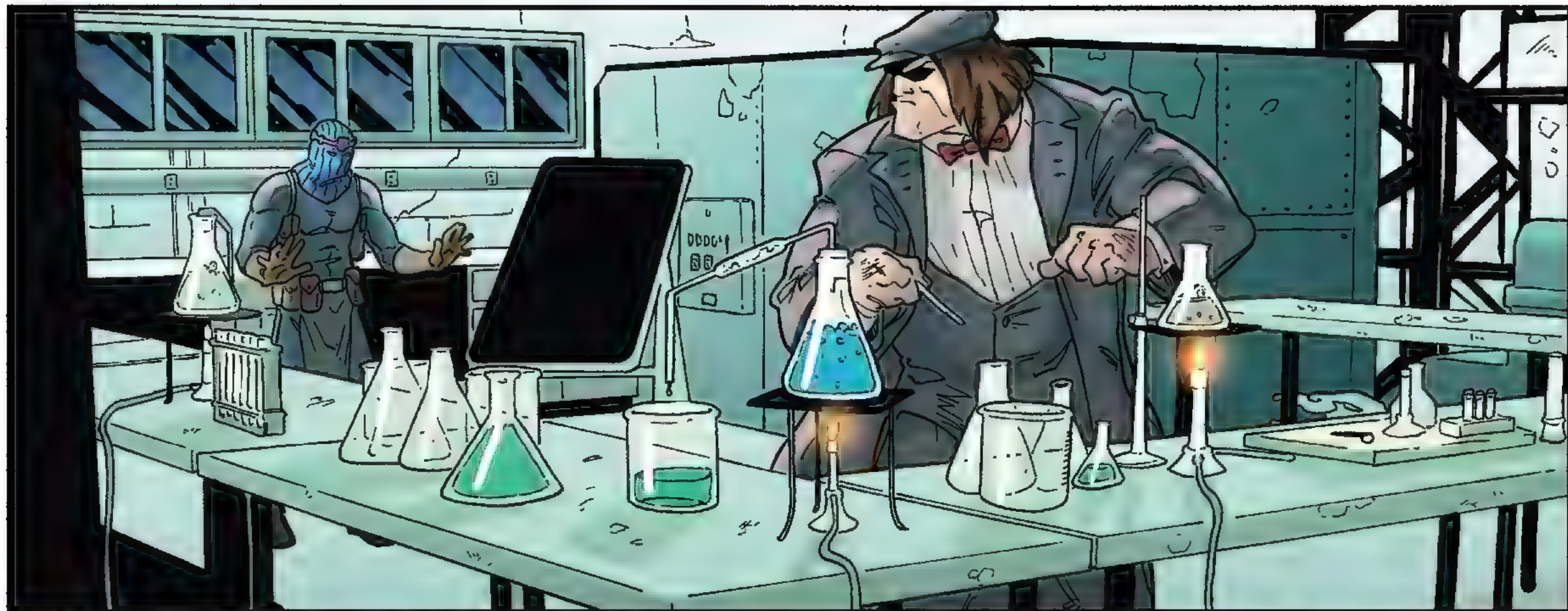
AND IN THE SPIRIT OF CELEBRATION
OVER THIS NEWS, I HAVE
EMBARKED ON A CONSIDERABLE
UNDERTAKING. A **GIFT** OF SORTS.
BUT IT REQUIRES ME TO LAY A
SOLID FOUNDATION IF
IT IS TO SUCCEED.

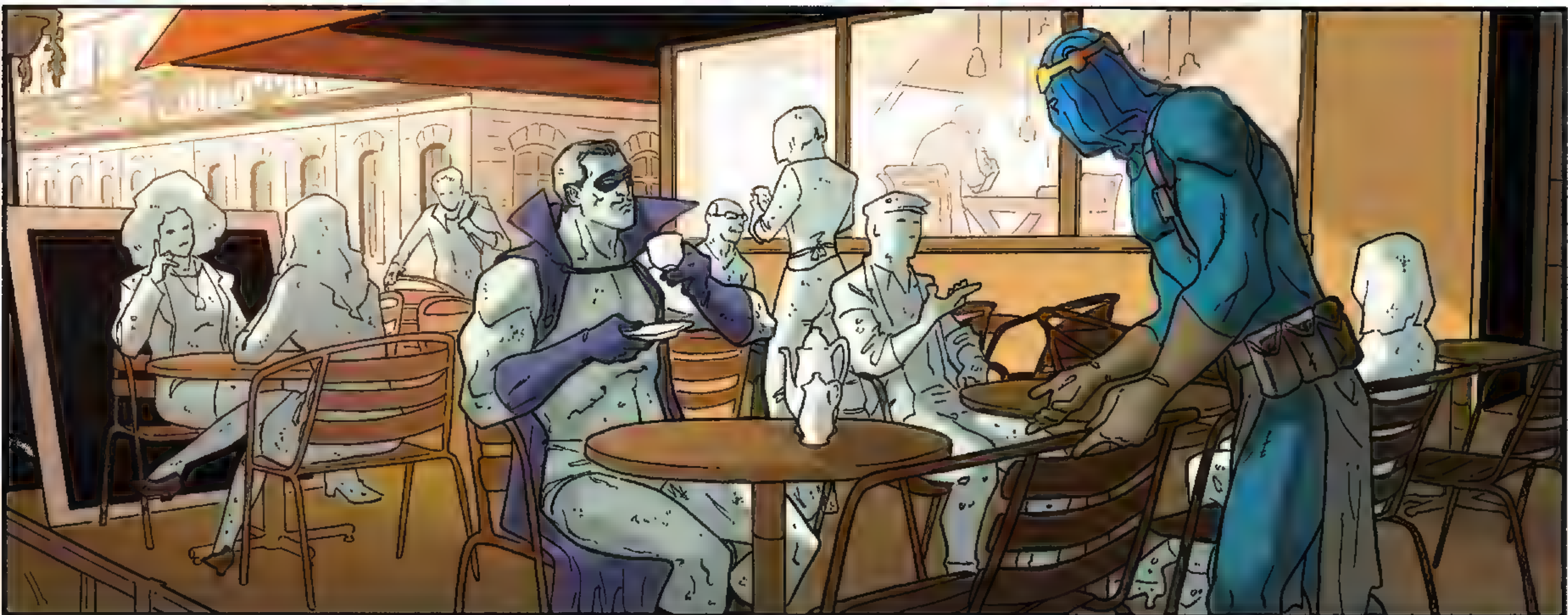
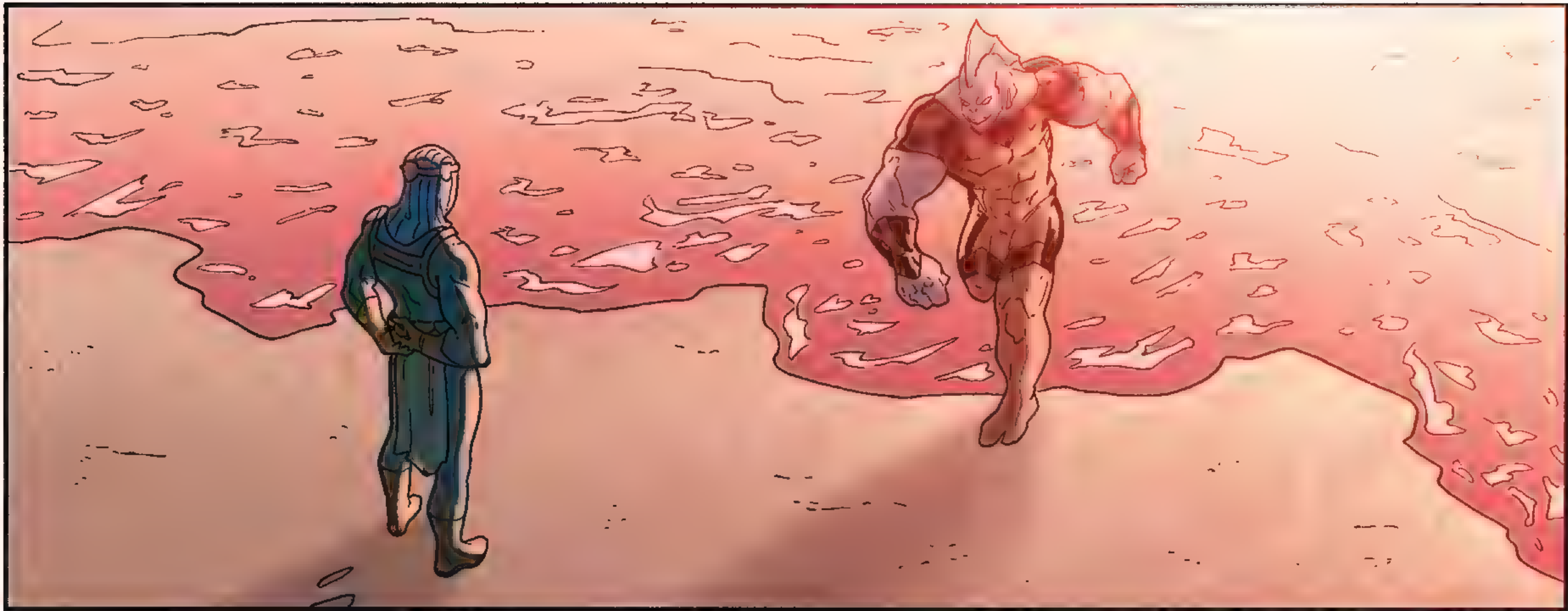
WHICH
LEADS ME
HERE, TO THIS
HOUSE. TO
YOU.

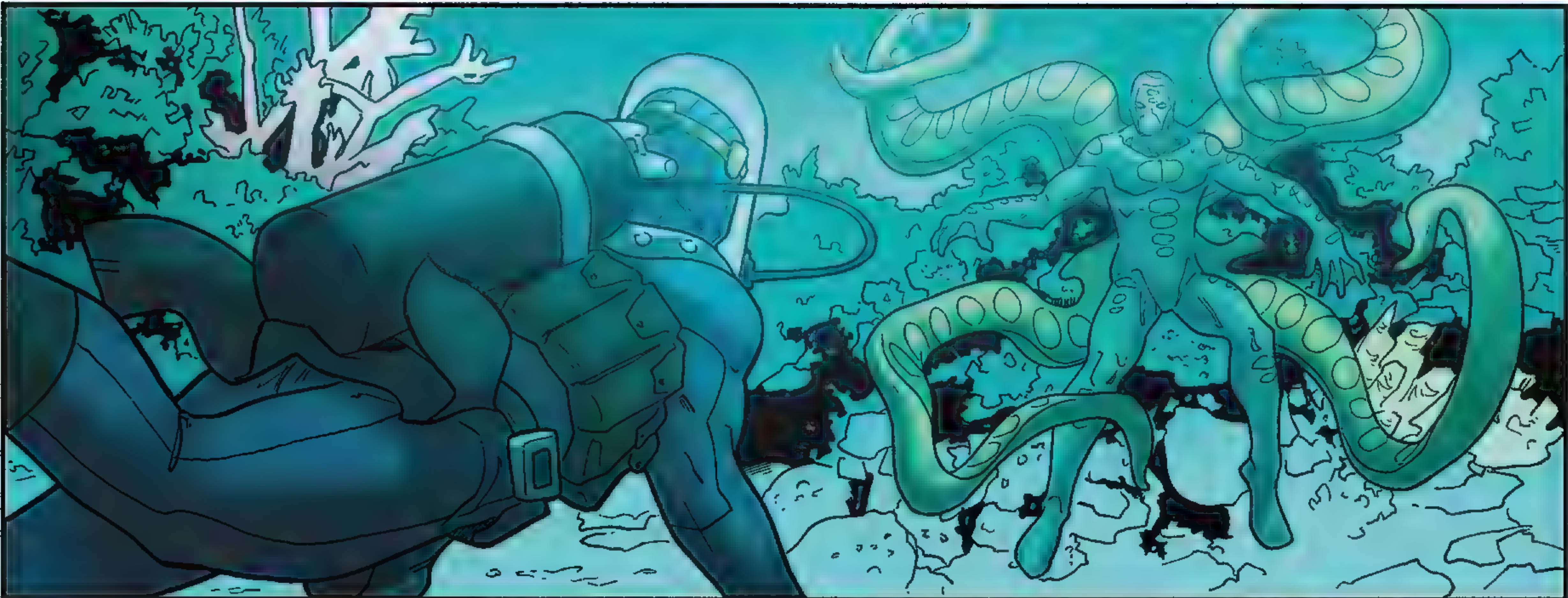
PLEASE--
DO WHATEVER
YOU WANT TO
ME--JUST--JUST
DON'T HURT MY
FAMILY--

OH? IS
THAT WHAT
WORRIES YOU, BOB?
IT NEEDN'T. I HAVE NO
INTENTION OF HURTING
YOU. IN FACT, YOU ARE
GOING TO BE A
GREAT HELP
TO ME--











YES, WE ALL FILL THE VOID IN OUR LIVES WITH PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT US. IT HELPS US STAVE OFF THE DARKNESS WITHIN.

NOT ALL OF US CAN BE AS LUCKY AS YOU, THOUGH. I AM CURIOUS, HOWEVER--

--WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE FAMILY THAT LIVED HERE? DID YOU KILL THEM, BOB?



W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I--I--I'D NEVER HURT MY--

DID YOU REMEMBER THIS HOUSE AS YOURS? DID YOU TRY TO RETURN AND FACE THAT CONFUSION?

PLEASE-- I DON'T UNDERSTAND--



OF COURSE YOU DON'T. SOMEHOW, YOU REMAIN BOB. BUT YOU WERE ONCE SOMETHING DIFFERENT. SOMETHING TRULY TERRIBLE.

M-MISTER-- I'M NOT W-WHO YOU THINK I AM--

BUT YOU ARE, AND YOU ARE THE FIRST AND LAST PIECE OF THIS PUZZLE...



YOU HAVE SUFFERED SO MUCH. EVEN MORE THAN THE REST OF US.

YOU HAVE BEEN LOST AND ABANDONED, ROBBED OF YOUR TRUE SELF. LEFT ALONE.

NNN--

BUT YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT ANY OF THAT ANYMORE--



It was my failure that day that cost your father his life, Helmut--

--and I have never stopped trying to earn your forgiveness since then. But now, I can offer you something else.

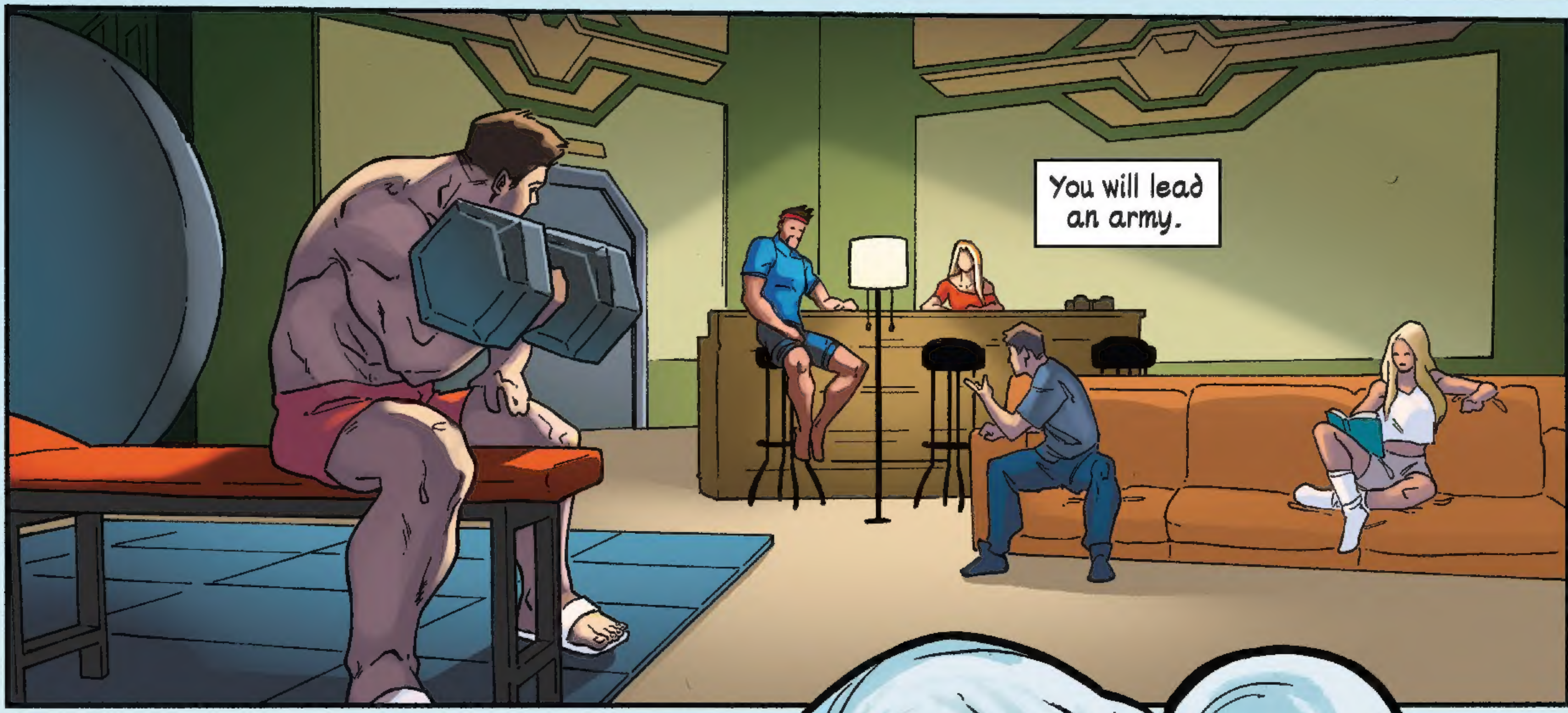
Now I can begin to make things right.



I will give you the revenge you so richly deserve.

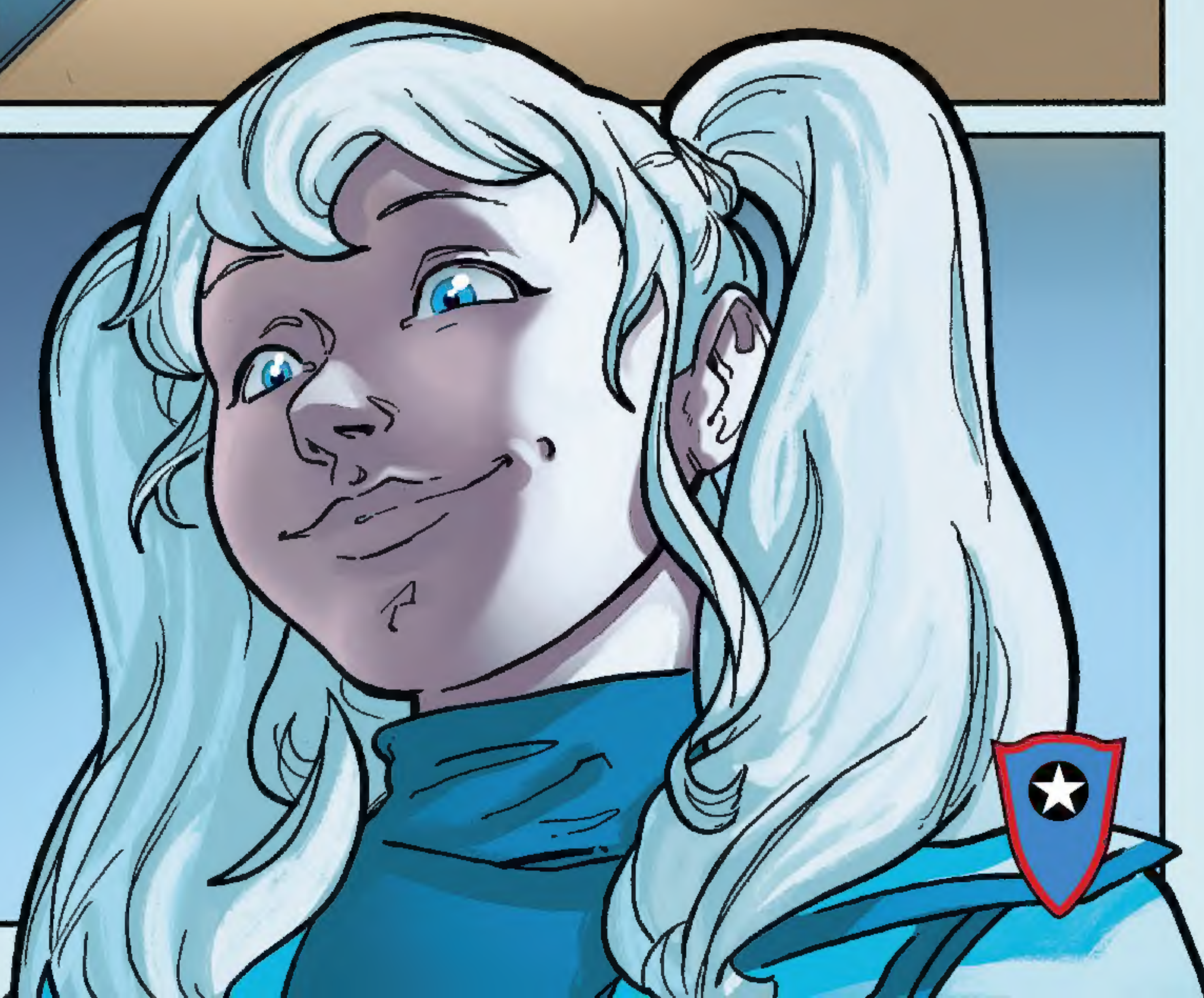


You will lead an army.



And together--

--we will change the world.



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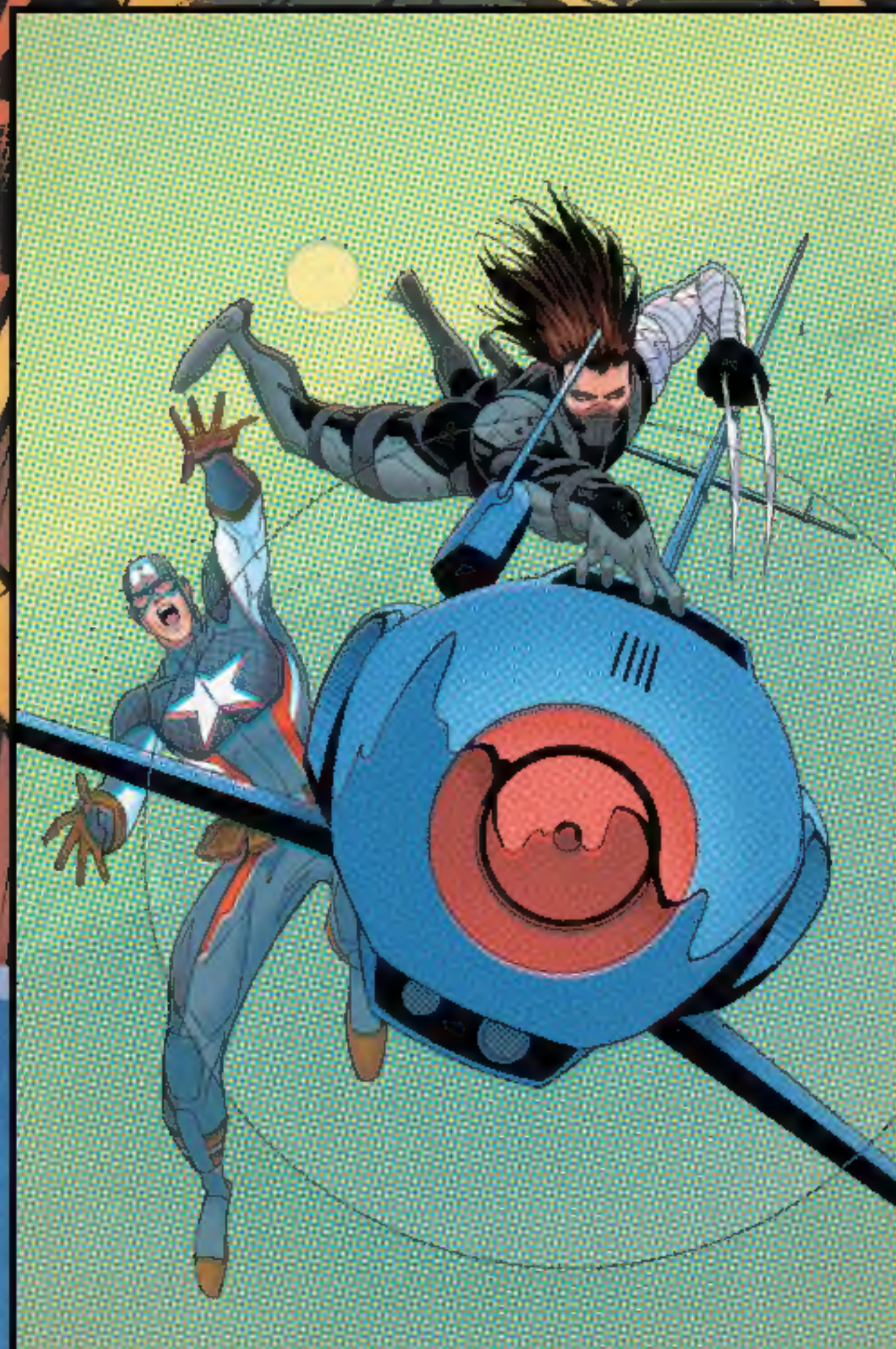


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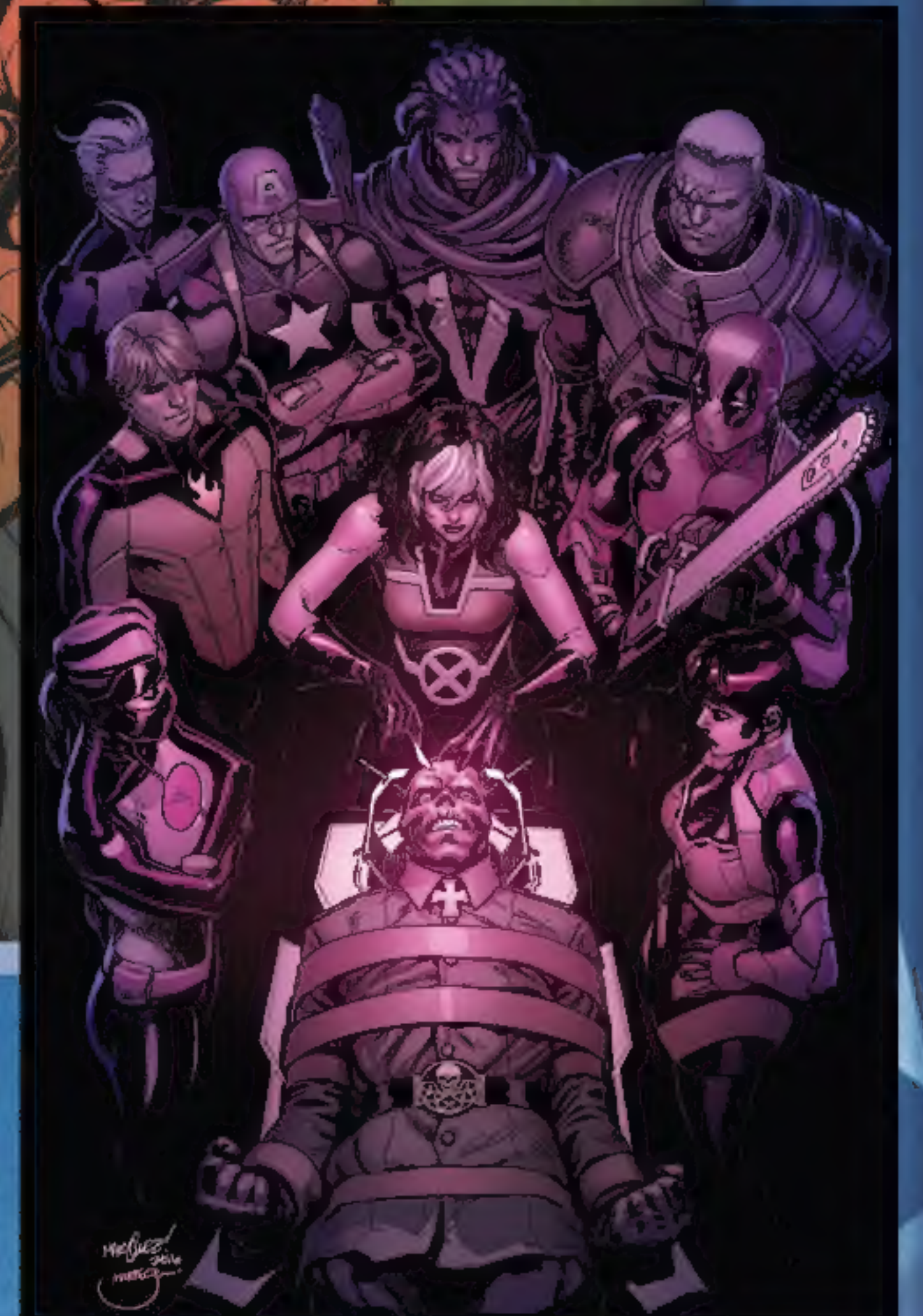
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